

**INTERNATIONAL LUGE FEDERATION
(FIL)**

EVENTS

- Men's Singles - 4 competition runs
- Women's Singles - 4 competition runs
- Doubles - 2 competition runs
- Team Relay

ATHLETE / NOC QUOTA

ATHLETEN /NOC QUOTA

**TOTAL ATHLETES
QUOTA**

110 athletes /
 38 Men
 28 Women
 18 Doubles
 8 Men/Women/or doubles for Team Relay

NOC QUOTA

10 athletes /
 Maximum 3 Men
 Maximum 3 Women
 Maximum 2 Doubles
 Maximum 1 Relay Team (one man, one woman, one doubles team)

QUALIFICATION SYSTEM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Athletes will be ranked by World Cup points earned in the Olympic season up to December 31, 2013. NF/NOC's whose athletes have earned a ranking in the top 37 men, 27 women, and 17 doubles will be contacted by FIL (see detail under Qualifying Timeline) to confirm their intent to use their earned allocation. In addition, the host nation is guaranteed one position each in men's singles, women's singles and doubles. (see detail under Host Nation Qualification).

The remaining 8 allocations will be given to qualified athletes whose country has the capability to create a Relay team by entering these athletes (man, woman, or doubles). FIL expects the participation of about 12 relay teams.

Athletes must meet the FIL qualification criteria (see detail below). Olympic places are awarded to the NOC represented by these athletes; the NOC will select the athletes by name.

SYSTEM IN DETAIL

1. Athletes must have competed and earned World Cup points in a minimum of five (5) World Cup, Junior World Cup, or Nations Cup races during the pre-Olympic (2012 - 2013) and

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Olympic season (up until December 31, 2013) combined and have earned a combined minimum of five points from the World Cup or Junior World Cup or Nations Cup.

OR

An athlete must have earned the following minimum World Cup points in the Olympic season in **one** World Cup or Junior World Cup race prior to December 31, 2013:

- Men - 10 points (31st place)
- Women - 20 points (21st place)
- Doubles - 25 points (16th place).

In the case of equal World Cup points, a tie breaker system will be used.

If there is a tie in points earned by December 31, 2013, and thereby the number of qualified athletes exceeds the available spaces, the following will prioritize the athletes for ranking (tie breaker).

- A. Athlete who is ranked solely with World Cup points takes priority over an equal point ranking earned in Junior World Cup, or earned by point combinations from World Cups and Junior World Cups.
- B. Athlete who has the better race seed (at the time the space becomes available).
- C. If the seeds are equal, then the athlete who has the better placing in a single race in the Olympic season.
- D. If best placing is the same, the athlete who has the greater number of better placing during the Olympic season.(i.e. a 12th, 16th, and 18th placed athlete ranks higher than a 12th, 17th, and 18th placed athlete).

NOTE: This tie breaking system is ongoing from December 31, 2013 until January 27, 2014 when the NOC's need to confirm to FIL that the earned places will be taken up (as NOC's enter or do not enter their athletes, new places could become available). However, the tie in points is based upon the original December 31, 2013 ranking list.

2. At the close of the pre-Olympic season (June 30, 2013), the World Cup ranking list will become valid for the following requirements:
If an athlete, by name, is lower in overall ranking than the top 32 men, 24 women, or 20 doubles teams, then the following conditions must additionally be met to be qualified for the Olympic Games by FIL:
 - a. Mandatory participation at the fall International Training Week in 2013 on the Olympic track. The top athletes are not required to make this standard – this is only for athletes lower than the top 32/24/20 – see above.
 - b. Mandatory participation in two World Cup races after January 1st of the Olympic year (2014) *or* mandatory participation in one World Cup race and FIL approved training of a minimum of 20 runs, both after January 1st of the Olympic year (2014).
 - c. The athlete must complete a minimum of 10 timed runs on the Olympic track from the respective discipline(s) Olympic race start prior to the start of Official Olympic Training.

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- NOC's will be awarded a Relay Team allocation, from their qualified and entered athletes. The deadline for entering individual names for each Relay Team will be within 24 hours of the actual competition.
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HOST NATION QUALIFICATION

Within the total athletes quota number (110), the host nation is guaranteed one position each in men's singles, women's singles, and doubles if those athletes have reached the minimum qualification standards of the FIL. If the minimum standards have not been met by these athletes, a special request can be made by the host nation to the FIL whereby a review will be conducted to ensure the safety of all athletes involved before admission is granted. Proposal: The athlete must complete a minimum of 10 timed runs on the Olympic track from the Olympic race start from the respective discipline(s) prior to the beginning of the official Olympic training.

REALLOCATION OF UNUSED QUOTA POSITIONS

As positions become available, the FIL office will refer to the ranking list of December 31, 2013. First priority for first round of reallocation for unused quota positions will go to qualified athletes who have met FIL minimum qualification standards from non-represented countries. Once all possible NOC/countries are represented, then the second round of reallocation will go to the next ranked qualified athletes in each discipline with equal distribution between disciplines (men/women/doubles). Review will be conducted to ensure that the technical level and experience of all athletes involved is acceptable to FIL before admission is granted.

QUALIFYING TIMELINE

Dates and events	Qualifying events (dates & places)
1 November 2012	Start of the Qualification period
31 December 2013	End of the Qualification period.
20 January 2014	FIL office will contact each NF and NOC make confirmation concerning the number of allocated starting positions and their respective events (men, women, doubles) that are available to that particular NF/NOC
22 January 2014	NOC's must inform the IF and Sochi 2014 exactly how many of their earned places and in which specific discipline they will be entering athletes and submit to FIL the list with the names of the selected athletes

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23 - 24 January 2014	FIL will contact NF's and NOC's and confirm reallocation of the places not taken up by NOCs on 20 th January (see Reallocation of Unused Quota Positions).
24 January 2014	End of reallocation period
27 January 2014	Deadline for Sochi 2014 Organising Committee to receive entry forms submitted by the NOCs